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(b) what decisions of the Board have so far been implemented;

(c) how many times the Board met since the present members assumed office;

(d) what decisions have been made during the last four months;

(e) how many decisions have been implemented; and

(f) whether a Sub-Committee of the Board has been formed; if so, when and for what purpose?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) to (f) The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Retrenchment in the Hindustan Ship Building Yard, Visakhapatnam.

* 576 Q.—SRI G. LATCHANNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that 813 workers of the Hindustan Ship Building Yard have been retrenched recently in Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Hindustan Shipyard, Limited, have reported that the workers are surplus to the present and even the future requirements of the Company."

Gruel centres in Penukonda taluk.

* 577 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) under what class of famine affected area Penukonda taluk is classified;

(b) what is the amount surrendered by the Anantapur District Collector in the month of February;

(c) how many gruel centres were closed in February in Penukonda taluk; and

(d) why they were closed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Penukonda taluk has been declared as Group B area.

" (b) A sum of Rs. 9,55,000 under Loans under Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Acts and a sum of Rs. 50,000 under Loans for pumping installations were surrendered in February 1953. No amount was surrendered by the Collector out of the allotment for famine relief.

" (c) Twenty-two gruel centres were closed in Penukonda taluk during February 1953.

[a] Printed as Appendix XII on pages 382–390 infra.